# Ron Paul at FFF Conference 2007, Part 2 of 6

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Ron Paul on "Nonintervention: The Original Foreign Policy" at the Future of Freedom Foundation's http://fff.org Restoring the Republic, 2007.

While serving in Congress during the late 1970s and early 1980s, Dr. Paul's limited-government ideals were not popular in Washington. He served on the House Banking committee, where he was a strong advocate for sound monetary policy and an outspoken critic of the Federal Reserve's inflationary measures. He also was a key member of the Gold Commission, advocating a return to a gold standard for our currency. He was an unwavering advocate of pro-life and pro-family values. Dr. Paul consistently voted to lower or abolish federal taxes, spending, and regulation, and used his House seat to actively promote the return of government to its proper constitutional levels. In 1984, he voluntarily relinquished his House seat and returned to his medical practice.

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but the intervention has has continued for a long long time and now we're suffering the consequences but before the war started by 2002 I had gone through the more arguments against getting involved in war the constitutional arguments about why we should fully debate this and make a decision and not give this permission to the President to go to war in the military arguments it wasn't necessary and it could lead to trouble and finally I sort of threw up my hands and said you know what you ought to look at is the politics of it if you won't look at the morality of it and the constitution of it and the military aspects of it why don't you just look at the pure politics of it and I said it may turn out that it will be popular at the beginning but in time war becomes unpopular it's an economic burden and the people turn on it and it's bad politics so I advise them strongly that they ought to not get involved just for that reason of course there weren't too many people listening to that speech either and they and they proceeded onward to do what they have have done but just look at you know from my viewpoint as a member of the Republican Party and needling a few people in the Republican Party now about a better policy that I can seek out and find Republicans and and times when Republicans benefited by taking this position some of us have heard over the past that Democrats start war and Republicans get out of it I'll get it get get us out of them and there's some truth to that I mean just think of the recent history we had eisenhower you know come on and get you out of Korea of course Nixon was elected because we were so upset with Vietnam and that was a lousy resolved because although he was elected to do it he didn't do it and 30,000 more men were killed in here

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30,000 more men were killed in here again of course there was an election last year and and look at the effort to closed this war down it's not happening but Republicans have a tradition there was there senator robert taft who took a position of non-intervention i think one of his his best statements was that it made no sense to him after World War Two to get in the NATO since think of many dollars we could have saved if we had not been in NATO a plenty you know we might have had our troops home by now but of course we have troops now in because of this intervention idea that we have had them in Europe since then and we have troops in Korea and it's amazing that we can afford it but I think we're lucky on that because we can afford it

only because we get to print the gold we get to preach the dollars and they're willing to take the take these dollars and do the production overseas that we can't and won't won't do here but ultimately though this will come back to haunt us and we will have to pay paid the price and already I think this may be happening i think that the loaners the lenders to us to finance our extravagant as extravagant is slowly coming to an end it blows my mind when we talk to conservatives and I try to emphasize them do you realize that you can in fight your war without barring from your good friends to read Chinese and that's essentially it and and yet they pay no attention so my mighty effort now will be although I've emphasized these other reasons to stay out of war and and and come home I'm going to emphasize with many conservatives just the cost of it you know the literal cost that brings countries to their knees and you know it reminded me of a story you know today I read a couple articles about you know how the dollar is being under attack and and how it might bring our extravagant spending to an end but many years ago I

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spending to an end but many years ago I served on the gold Commission in the early 1980s and that was right after we had finished the nineteen seventy nine nineteen eighty episode with gold soaring and a dollar under attacks and we had a gold Commission set up to study the role of gold and the financial markets and there was a time there was a day that I was finishing at the gold commission that Treasury and I was supposed to fly with President Reagan to Texas and I didn't want to miss the gold Commission meeting so my staff at the time made arrangements that I could fly with the president from the White House just cross the street get on the helicopter flying a helicopter and go out to Andrews Air Force Base I took him up on that wonderful offer and it was the time I probably had with Ronald Reagan more than any other and it when when when he knew I was coming from the gold Commission he made a statement i think was a rather profound statement he says you know he says any great nation that has ever gone off the gold stage and gold standard ends up ends being a great nation and it isn't so much that there's magic about gold it's just that there's the evil about the inflation and the printing of the many and the harm that it does so here we are you know 25 years later we're still spending we're still trying to protect our Empire and we're barely challenging what's happening but I think today though what is happening in this political campaign there's probably reason to be hopeful not so much that I am the greatest messenger and I do my very best but i'll tell you what we have a great message I've never worked with you on the idea of being overly confident with my abilities but I do work with the complete confidence that the message of Liberty is a very very positive message

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Liberty is a very very positive message and it is the most humanitarian message of the world you know they turn us as libertarians and conservatives as being inhumane and lacking compassion but if anybody has any compassion for their fellow man it has to be in the ideas of Liberty and they have been ingrained in our system for so long you know if the founders were geniuses even with the imperfect document that we had it was better than any other one and and we have had great traditions and and yet today we are failing to present the case but the the case for non-intervention whether it's in foreign policy or individual liberties or in foreign affairs or economics it all makes so much sense and there's no reason why we can't sell this message the fact that we have received so many inquiries and interest in the campaign to me is a sign that a lot of hard work has been done over the years in the 1950s when I first got interested in this subject I went looking for books and to read of course there was no internet you surely couldn't get it off the television I didn't get it out of my public school education I wasn't getting it from my government and that is when i discovered the foundation for economic education and that was a blessing Leonard read was the one that to provided the information that I needed and that was early on but just thinking what has happened in those years I mean there are dozens the future of freedom foundation and others these are great organizations I am absolutely convinced politicians don't amount to much but ideas do and what we do so I think there's a lot of people out there right now wanting to hear this

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there right now wanting to hear this message they've heard about it and they know a little bit about and they're excited about it but tell you one thing has really excited me about this this campaign is that it seems like we don't have to give up on the next generation I mean that the largest number of people that are coming into our campaign are young people and this is fantastic but you know what it might be just very logical maybe they're waking up and figuring what kind of bills were giving them maybe they're figuring out how much they're going to 0 and maybe they're figuring out that if it's young people have to go off and fight these wars they also know that the Selective Service still exists and they also know that everybody in the government and anybody running for president except yours truly won't take anything off the table when it comes to intimidating Iran and maybe they get up a little bit annoyed with that maybe they like their privacy maybe they like their internet and they don't want to be taxed so I think there's there's a really a fertile field with this generation right now so we are really excited about the number of people coming in into the campaign so I think there's every reason in the world to be hopeful that's not that I go to bed saying you know he we have one and there's nothing to worry about i think there are many many great problems but i am also convinced that Washington DC is many many years behind the people it's themselves

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